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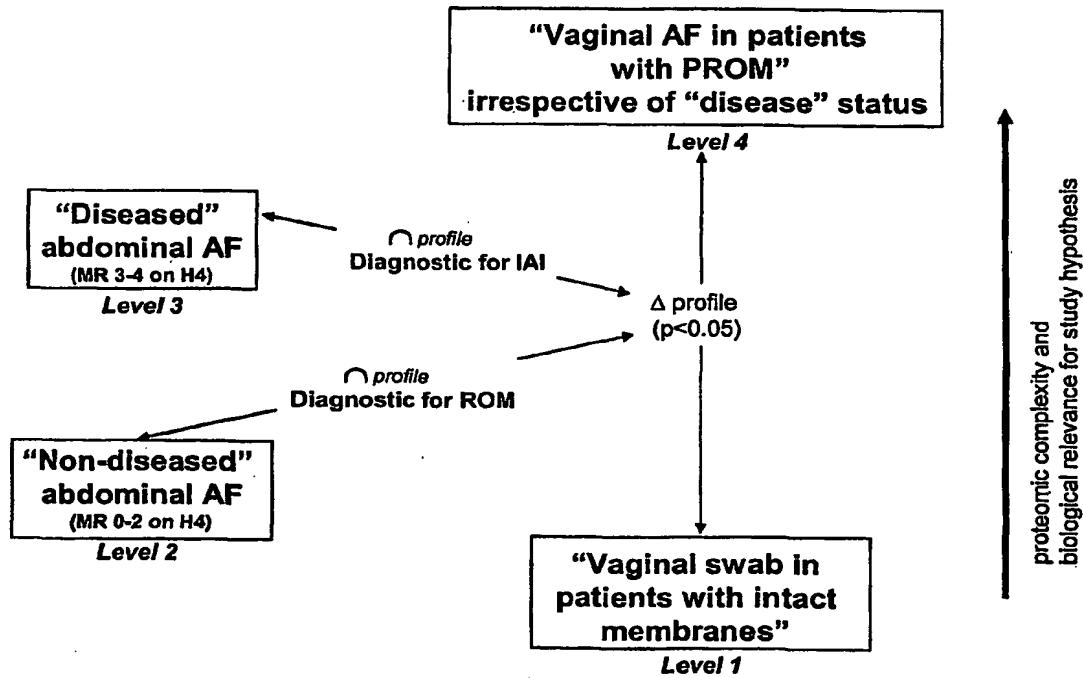
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(57) Abstract: Assessing fetal health and maturity, and the integrity and health of the amnion, is effected via protein profiling of vaginal fluid, thereby to identify various abnormal conditions during pregnancy. This approach also provides a means for gauging the duration and/or magnitude of intraamniotic/fetal inflammation that occurs during pregnancy.



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